

THREE IMPORTANT FEATURES IN THE 1912 CAMPAIGN

Students of politics are interested in the number of women voters, the number of negro voters and the number of voters in general.

of the census bureau of the number of voters that will take part in the November election is misleading.

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The Number of Voters New York World: The estimate



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977,691, or 21 per cent, the number of actual voters from 1900 to 1908 increased only 1,359,463, or less than 10 per cent in eight years.

The census bureau apparently has counted all persons of voting age, without regard to other considerations. Allowance must first be made for aliens and then others who are disqualified from voting for various reasons.

Even with the admission of the two new states of Arizona and New Mexico, the appearance of women for the first time as voters in California and Washington, and the advent of an army of first voters, a total vote of 16,000,000 for president in 1912 would be very large in the light of past records.

Strength of Negro Vote

Washington Correspondent New York Times: The race issue, as raised by Colonel Roosevelt, has directed the attention of politicians here to its importance in the coming campaign.

It comes as a surprise to learn that Pennsylvania had a negro vote big enough in 1910 to turn over the state. The vote there was 55,400, while the republican plurality was only 33,484.

The following is a table of 15 states without disfranchising laws in which the negro vote in the past four years has either exceeded or approached the margin between the two great parties.

Table with columns: State, P'ty, Pl'r'ty in 1908, P'ty or 1911, Negro V't'g in 1910, St'g'th. Lists states like Ark., Conn., Colo., Dela., Ind., Kan., Ky., Md., Mass., Mo., Neb., Nev., N. M., Penn., Tenn.

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